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1. FOLLOWING IS PORTION OF "DAILY EXPRESS" COLUMN BY
TEODORO VALENCIA, PUBLISHED AUGUST 12, REGARDING MACEDA.
THIS IS SO FAR THE ONLY PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE
MACEDA CASE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE WASHINGTON POST THE OTHER DAY CAME
OUT WITH A STORY ABOUT ERNESTO MACEDA, THE FORMER EXECU-
TIVE SECRETARY AND DEFEATED LABAN CANDIDATE. IT SEEMS HE
IS IN AMERICA TO SEEK ASYLUM BECAUSE OF ALLEGED DANGER TO
HIS LIFE. WE, IN THE PHILIPPINES, KNOW ONLY TOO WELL THAT
MACEDA WAS NOT WANTED HERE -- NEVER CHARGED BECAUSE HE WAS
ALWAYS CAREFUL. IF THE AMERICANS BELIEVE HIS STORY AND
GIVE HIM ASYLUM, THEY CAN HAVE HIM. WE DON'T HAVE MUCH USE
FOR HIM HERE FOR THE MOMENT. IF THE AMERICANS BELIEVE HIS
STORY, THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM.

3. MACEDA MAY REALLY HAVE LEFT VIA THE BACKDOOR BUT HE
DID NOT REALLY HAVE TO -- HE JUST WANTED TO DRAMATIZE HIS
CLAIM FOR ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES. HE APPLIED FOR AN
EXIT VISA BUT DID NOT WAIT FOR APPROVAL. HAD HE LEFT THE
USUAL WAY LIKE NAP RAMA, JOVY SALONGA OR GERRY ROXAS, HE
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COULD NEVER QUALIFY FOR "ASYLUM" IN THE USA. THE
AMERICANS LOVE THE DRAMATIC -- THE CLOAK-AND-DAGGER PLOT.
IF YOU ASK ME, I WOULD GIVE AN EXIT PERMIT TO ALL WHO WANT
TO SEEK ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES. IF THEY LIKE IT IN
THE USA, LET THEM REALIZE THEIR DREAMS. THEIR REVOLUTION
FROM SUCH A LONG DISTANCE COULD EARN THEM A LIVING BUT IT
WON'T BOTHER US HERE. END QUOTE. MURPHY

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